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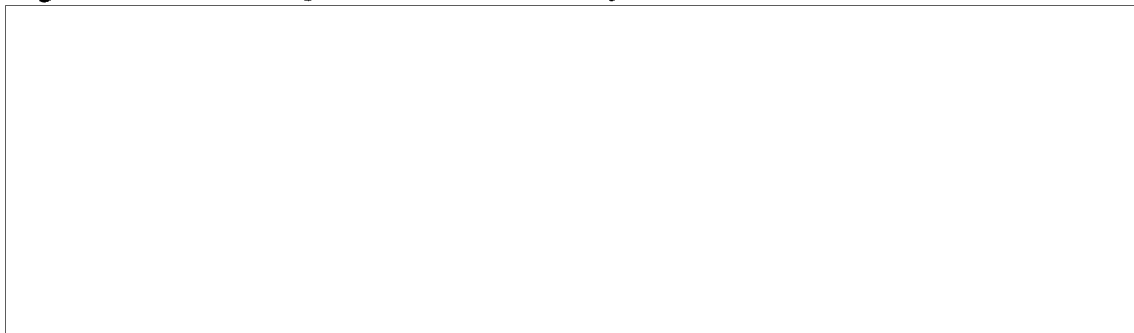


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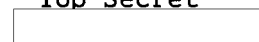


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② IRAN-IRAQ: Diplomatic Maneuvering

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8 Both Iran and Iraq are using the lull on the battlefield to increase their diplomatic and propaganda activity. [redacted]

1/8 Iran is leveling harsh warnings against Iraq's Arab backers that it will use the power of its armed forces unless they back away from their support of Iraq. Assembly Speaker Rafsanjani has said that no diplomatic means could prevent an invasion of Iraq if a regime unacceptable to Iran remains in power there. [redacted]

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5/8 The Iranian statements are spurring other attempts to end the war quickly. Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan are urging the US to take action. UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar and the governments of Japan and Pakistan have called for cessation of hostilities. [redacted]

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2/3/4 Iraq is trying to erect diplomatic barriers against an invasion. It has launched a campaign to have the UN Security Council consider the war and define terms for a settlement. [redacted]

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6/7/8/9 Baghdad also is hinting that it wants to establish closer ties with the US. A senior Foreign Ministry official repeatedly queried officers of the US Interests Section in Baghdad on Tuesday about US views on bilateral relations. [redacted]

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8 Comment: Tehran probably hopes to accomplish its aim of overturning President Saddam Hussein without crossing the border. At a minimum, Iranian leaders also want to ensure that mediation proposals begin with their own undiluted demands for reparations and punishment of the Iraqis. Iraqi attempts to move mediation into the UN suggest that Baghdad realizes its armed forces are no longer an adequate defense. [redacted]

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⑧ USSR-LIBYA: Jallud's Visit to Moscow

Libya's second in command, Major Jallud, ended a quick trip to Moscow yesterday after meeting with President Brezhnev, Prime Minister Tikhonov and military leaders. [redacted]

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Comment: [redacted]

[redacted] The Soviet leaders presumably also discussed with Jallud overall bilateral relations, the war between Iran and Iraq, the situation in Lebanon and Chad, and the outcome of the meeting this week in Algiers of foreign ministers of the radical Steadfastness Front. [redacted]

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⑨ SYRIA: Loss of Arab Economic Aid

The Syrian Government has imposed a 10-percent spending cut on all government agencies, according to the press in Damascus. An additional cut of 20 percent reportedly is in the offing. [redacted]

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1/5 Comment: Syria's recent oil deal with Iran could roughly compensate for the loss of assistance from the Persian Gulf states, but Damascus may be reluctant to rely on Tehran. Syrian foreign exchange reserves fell last month to the equivalent of only a week's imports, giving it little margin for error. The brunt of the cutbacks probably will fall on investment projects, which require substantial outlays of hard currency. This will further reduce the likelihood that the government can meet the goals set in its new five-year plan and will eventually increase its need for outside assistance. [redacted]

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